

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES - MARCH 11, 1997**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chairperson Steven Davis at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 1997, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Davis, Michaeljohn Horne, Leslie Hull, Sandra Jacoby Klein,  
Peter Mackler, John Nieto, Shirley Roberts  
Excused: none  
Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services, Daphne Dennis, Tamar Springer, Tom West, and Jeff Book.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA

The Recording Secretary reported that notices were posted as required.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons desiring to address the meeting were asked to indicate this on a speaker request form.

II. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 1997, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Mackler, with the correction of the word "delimited" to the word "limited."

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. APLA 1996 CLIENT SURVEY

Tom West introduced Mark Senak, Director of Policy and Planning for AIDS Project Los Angeles. Senak gave a presentation, including overhead-projection slides, on the implications of various statistical trends among persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Senak noted a decreasing ratio of caucasians among persons being diagnosed with HIV,

and an increasing ratio of Latinos. Differences in income, education, insurance, and level of hopefulness about life were also described.

A tremendous increase in hopefulness among persons living with HIV/AIDS has been noted, and Senak suggested that this was probably due to the very encouraging results of treatments involving protease inhibitors. At the same time, research indicates that gains as a result of protease inhibitors will not be permanent or long-lived for some currently showing signs of improvement, and therefore it is wise to anticipate an expanded crisis level, and concomitant loss of hopefulness, at some point in the future.

Senak pointed out the connection between income level and knowledge of available treatments, and access to protease inhibitors. Awareness and access is high among persons with private insurance or HMO participation, medium among persons with government care, and low among persons with no insurance.

#### B. MID-YEAR SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Tamar Springer presented the mid-year self-assessment questions for review by the Commission.

#### C. FEE-FOR SERVICE PROGRAM FOR FUNDED AGENCIES

Daphne Dennis discussed potential fee-for-service programs that could be implemented by funded agencies.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. AIDS SUMMIT

Tom West suggested that a subcommittee be formed to review and plan for an AIDS summit, as discussed by the Commission at their last meeting. There was preliminary discussion of whether such a summit would include written testimony, whether it should be held on an evening or a weekend, and whether it is more of a hearing, or more of an informative presentation for residents. Commissioners Horne, Klein, and Mackler will be the subcommittee to plan this event.

#### B. CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE - SERVICES AND COSTS

Tom West reported that Van Ness Recovery House is working at capacity on their existing programs, and would not be a likely provider of new services for persons dealing with crystal meth problems. 18th Street Services in San Francisco was mentioned as a possible model for such services.

Lloyd Long noted that based on previous action, a reduction of \$100,000 in municipal support for the West Hollywood Homeless Organization is being recommended for FY 97-98, and that it would be possible to recommend that this funding be used in the crystal meth area. On a motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioners Mackler and Horne, the Commission voted to recommend such funding to the Council.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioners Klein and Davis made a site visit to Project Angel Food, and a letter of appreciation was sent to the director there.

Several commissioners did a walk-through of Plummer Park with the Friends of the Park, and noted that the fountain in the old Audubon area collects water, and that the walkway behind Fiesta Hall is slippery due to olive trees.

Commissioner Klein discussed the most recent meeting of the Library Community Task Force.

Commissioner Horne highly recommended "Raised by Wolves," a current exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and called attention to a Town Hall meeting held in Silver Lake by LA City Councilmember Jackie Goldberg.

Commissioner Roberts reported favorably on the February senior dance held at the House of Blues, and on the Senior Advisory Council.

Commissioner Davis asked for a letter of appreciation to be sent to Mark Senak, and reported on the most recent meeting of the Commission Chairs.

With regard to the park walk-through, Commissioner Davis reported that persons playing cards had told Commissioners to get away, and that staff had to intervene to prevent further difficulty. He asked for further attention to the question of safety in the park, since there are people who avoid the park entirely for this reason. He also noted that an improved number and readability of signs with park rules would make it easier to enforce certain rules. He also asked for Curtis Brown and his staff to be thanked for their work on the tour.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Public budget hearings regarding the FY 97-98 budget will be held March 12, 13, 18, and 19. The reorganization of the City Council, and installation of Sal Guarriello as Mayor, is scheduled for March 17.

Lloyd Long reviewed the funding issue with regard to the proposed new library, and Tom West noted that WHEST is holding seminars on re-employment for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Monday, April 7, will be a lobbying day in Sacramento, and Commissioner Davis was designated to go with Tom West on this event, if possible.

Lloyd reported that Daphne has been named Social Services Administrator, succeeding Jodi Curlee. There will be an event in honor of Jodi at a later date.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Thomas Dyer of GLCSC West Hollywood Cares noted that Jeff Bailey has replaced Antonio LeMans at GLCSC.

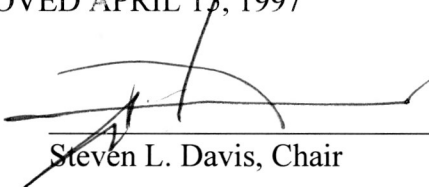
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

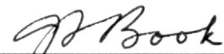
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, one week later than usual because April 8 is the date of the elections for Mayor and City Council of Los Angeles, the Community College Board, and the school-bond referendum.

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MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 15, 1997

  
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Steven L. Davis, Chair

  
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Jeff Book, Recording Secretary

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